

Third Sunday of Easter

April 14, 2023 | 9 AM

WELCOME!



Our Easter Theme is "Eternity Begins Now"

This Easter season, consider the eternal life that is before us. Not coming with the arrival of our deaths, but with the raising of Christ Jesus. Eternal life with God is not something far-off, as if God is not already present here and now. This is a God whose promise of eternal life does not begin after we go to heaven, but when heaven spills over and breaks into this world. It is when everlasting life becomes eternal life, as God sends the Son to do the work of the one that sent him-to be the cause, effect, and promise of faith in the Living God. The promise of eternity comes to fruition when we proclaim Christ raised from the dead.

As a community in the model of Christ, we warmly welcome all who have come seeking God in worship at Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church. We welcome people of every race, gender, ethnic background, social status, physical ability, sexual orientation, and gender identity. Together in our diversity and as a Reconciling in Christ congregation, we seek to embrace the love of God offered to us in Jesus Christ. We gather to experience the presence of God in Word and Sacrament and to give praise to God who loves us unconditionally.

All are Welcome to Communion! Christ hosts this meal, and ALL are invited to share this feast of life and forgiveness. Our shared communion bread is gluten free and we offer wine and grape juice. Children commune at the discretion of their parents. If you do not wish to receive communion, we invite you to come forward to receive a blessing. To receive communion at your seat, please alert an usher.

OUR VISION: In the model of Christ and for the life of the world, we are an inclusive, devoted, caring and spiritual community that accepts challenges, takes risks and grows.

We are on land created by God and stewarded for generations by the indigenous ancestors of the Duwamish people, who are still here. We honor the Creator's continuing presence in this land, confess our complicity in its brokenness, and awaken to our connectedness with all of creation.



GATHER

WELCOME

***THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

Alleluia! Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Blessed be the holy Trinity, 🕈 one God, the wellspring of grace, our life source and our joy. Amen.

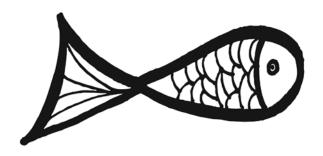
Look, here is water! Here is water of life!

Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us. We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered over the deep and water became the essence of life. Verdant rivers watered the garden. Through the waters of the flood, you gave your people a new beginning. Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom from slavery. In a desert pool the Ethiopian official was baptized into a new life in Christ. Look, here is water ! **Here is water of life!**

continued

At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people. We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

Look, here is water! Here is water of new life!



*GATHERING SONG

The Day Of Resurrection



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*GREETING

The grace of our risen Lord, the love of God and the joy of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray:

Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life,

and you adopt us to be your children.

Fill us with your words of life,

that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

PROCLAIM

FIRST READING

Acts 3:12-19

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the people:

Our ears and hearts are open.

¹²[Peter] addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk?¹³The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. ¹⁴But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, ¹⁵and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

¹⁷"And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. ¹⁹Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out."Holy Wisdom.

Holy Word. Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

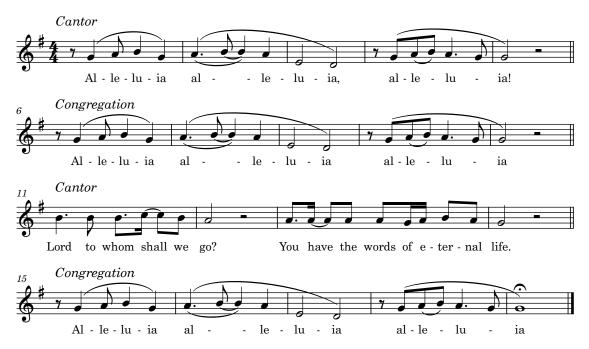
A reading from 1 John.

¹See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

⁴Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. ⁷Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



*GOSPEL READING

The holy Gospel according to Luke, the 24th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

^{36b}Jesus himself stood among [the disciples] and said to them, "Peace be with you." ³⁷They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." ⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate in their presence.

⁴⁴Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDRENS' MESSAGE / SERMON

Pastor Thomas Voelp





*PROFESSION OF BELIEF

I believe in God the Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended to the place of the dead; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God Almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

A brief silence.

O God our holy one, you feed our deepest hungers. As we share the holy meal that is the body and blood of Jesus given for us, lead us to share all that we have, and find, in generosity, abundant life. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

O God our creator, you bring forth all life on earth. Calm storms, bring water to parched places, and protect the climate, that this planet would sustain life in all its variety. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

O God our savior, you offer wisdom and guidance beyond all human knowledge. Instruct lawmakers, judges, and elected officials to make decisions grounded in your justice and care for all people. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Loving God, you care for all your children. Encourage those who are in times of transition, facing the loss of old ways and routines and anticipating change. Guide those who journey in grief, hope, and uncertainty. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Christ, our center, you bring all people together in you. Help us to remember our identity and purpose in this and every place in unity with one another. Move us to love our neighbors as ourselves and to look not to our own interests but the interests of your beloved community. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

For what else do the people of God pray?

Living God, your Son Jesus promised that we are held in your love forever. We remember our beloved who have died. As we remember and share their love, comfort those who mourn. Inspire us by the hope of reuniting around your table and share in the feast to come. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.

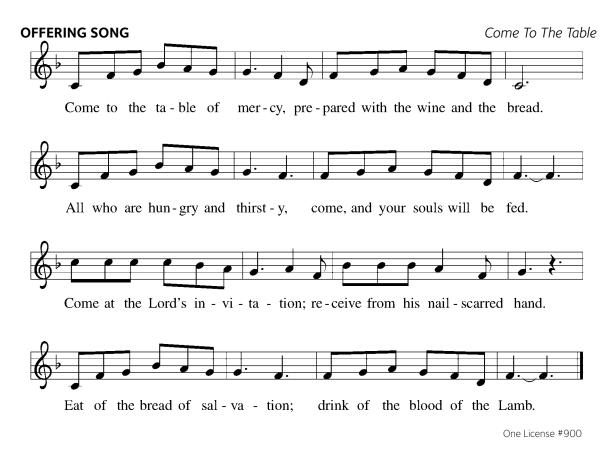
Amen.

COMMUNE

*PEACE

The peace of the risen Christ be with you always. And also with you.

You are invited to share a sign of peace by crossing hands over your heart, or another gesture, saying "Peace be with you."



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***OFFERING PRAYER**

God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever.
You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine.
In the breaking of this bread reveal to us the Risen Christ.
In the pouring of this wine pour out upon us your loving Spirit.
Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

***AT THE TABLE**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord, Our God. It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Holy, Holy, Holy LORD, God of power and might; Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD! Hosanna in the highest!

We give you thanks for Christ's coming into the world. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish, but have eternal life.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

O God, with this bread and cup we remember the life our Lord offered for us. And, believing the witness of his resurrection, we await his coming in power to share with us the promised feast.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Let us pray the prayer Jesus taught us in whatever version is most prayerful for you:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

***INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Come with your questions, come with your hunger.

Come, whether this is your first time or your hundredth.

Come, because this simple feast is a reminder that God's table is big enough for all of us. So, come.

All Are Welcome

to commune, including children (as parents permit).



LAMB OF GOD bear the sin all the world a - way; 1 O Lamb of God, you of Lamb of God, you bear the sin all the world a - way; 2 O of all the world a - way; 3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we you pray. guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we you set us free from pray. peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray. e ter - nal

L. Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether COMMUNION SONGS Draw Spir-it's teth - er, us in the for when hum bly 1 ples dis used to gath - er in the 2 As ci _ name of 3 All our meals and all our liv - ing make as sac ra geth in your name two or three are met to er, God the Christ to then with thanks to sup, giv er ments of that by car ing, help-ing, you, giv ing, -0 ð midst are in the of them. Al-le - lu ia! you Al-le - lu break the bread and bless the cup, ia! be dis - ci -Al-le - lu ia! we may ples true. _ θ Touch we Al - le - lu ia! _ now your gar _ ment's hem. bind Al - le - lu ia! now our friend - ship up. -SO Al - le - lu ia! will with faith We serve _ a - new.

***TABLE BLESSING**

May the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in eternal and everlasting grace. **Amen.**

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SENDING

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Creator of all, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people.

Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*BLESSING

May the Living God, the risen # Lord, and the life-giving Spirit bless you, strengthen your faith, and inspire you in hope, and empower you in love.

Amen.



*SENDING SONG The Strife Is O'er. the Battle Done al - le - lu ia. al - le - lu ia! Al - le - luia. -bat - tle done; now is The strife is o'er, the the vic -1 tor's pow'rs of death have done their worst; Je - sus their le -The 2 gions three sad days have quick - ly sped, Christ ris - es glo -The 3 rious 4 Christ closed the yawn - ing gates of hell; the bars from heav'n's high the stripes which wound-ed you, from death's sting free 5 Lord, by your tri - umph won! Now be the song of praise be - gun. Al-le - lu - ia! dis-persed. Let shouts of ho - ly joy out - burst. has Al-le - lu - ia!from the dead. All glo - ry to our ris - en head! Al-le - lu - ia! por - tals fell. Let hymns of praise his tri - umph tell. Al-le - lu - ia! that we may live and sing Al-le - lu - ia! ser - vants too, you. to After the final stanza al - le - lu al - le - lu ia! Al - le - lu ia, ia. --

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*DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

We Pray for...

Yvonne Boon, Jennifer Carter, Tom & Anita Dickerson, Doug Dixon, Barb Dougherty, Cindy Funai, Paula Hovander, Chris & Rusty Huffstetter, Helen Jones, Hali Lambert, Bob McIntyre, Mandy Neill, Julie Osinski, Trina Prisk-Hall, Duaine Rembold, David Schrader, Jennifer Seyler, Pauline & Harold Sigurdson, Sharon Stearns, Carolyn Swanson, Arlene Templin, Luca Logan Villilli, Charlotte Wallstrom, Jon Wright; asylum seekers, refugees, and those seeking housing and a home; those living with mental illness and loneliness; children and parents; immigrant families remaining separated; Road to Housing quests.

Grieving the Loss of

Diane Bains

Giving Thanks for

The birth of James Scott Chrisman born March 24, 2024

To include someone in the prayers, <u>email</u> the church -or- fill out the online prayer request form: <u>LINK</u>. (Requests received after each Wednesday will be put in the following week's bulletin.

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IN OUR SERVICES TODAY

Preaching/Presiding: Pastor Thomas Voelp Reader: Tom Bernard Communion Table Setup: Sonja Braasch Greeter: Chris Odell Usher: Sonja Braasch Coffee Host: Tom Bernard Musician: Gianfranco Foddai

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For more details, check the website or current newsletter.



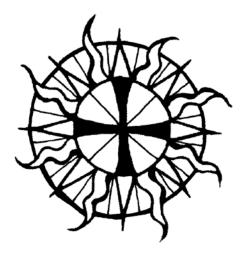
worship

9 AM Informal Worship | In-person

In this hour-long service, an ensemble leads us in a mix of traditional hymns and contemporary music. We hear a challenging and thoughtful message, pray together and take communion. Children are welcome and, for the little ones, our staffed nursery is open.

11 AM Traditional Worship | In-person & Online

The 11:00 am service is liturgy deeply rooted in the Lutheran tradition of God's living word. Join together in prayer, familiar hymns and communion at God's all-welcoming table. We wish one another peace and blessings and leave the service more connected, challenged and hopeful than before.



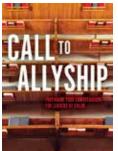
faith formation

TRANSFORMING SPIRITUALITY

VBS Save the Date

July 29-August 2, 2024

Save the date! VBS kid's camp will be July 29-August 2. To make VBS happen this summer, we need help to plan, prepare, and volunteer! A VBS planning meeting is planned for a Saturday in May. If you are interested in helping out please email Pastor Thomas, <u>pastorthomas@ourredeemers.net</u>, to indicate your preference for a meeting on either May 11th or May 25th. We will be developing a theme for this summer offering, and other logistics. Let's collaborate!



LiVE Project Book Study: Call to Allyship: Preparing Your Congregation for Leaders of Color Wednesdays, thru May 8, 6:45-8 PM

The St. Matthew's Anti Racism Team in collaboration with the LiVE Project is hosting a book study on *Call to Allyship: Preparing Your Congregation for Leaders of Color.* Please join us as we discuss how churches can do the work of becoming allies for the leaders they call. **This book study is for** *call committees, church councils, social justice teams, and anyone else interested in doing the work to understand, welcome, and celebrate Leaders of Color.*

The book study meets via Zoom every Wednesday from 6:45pm to 8:00pm through May 8th. You can find the Zoom link <u>HERE</u> (https://bit.ly/4cFEWsf). If interested in participating, please read the first 2 chapters for the first session on April 10th.

Youth Faith Formation Classes

Sprouts: Sundays, Ages 3-5 during 9 AM service. Children explore an age-appropriate Bible-based curriculum.

O-ROCK: After the 9 AM service, we welcome kids from kindergarten to 5th grade to explore Bible stories, get to know each other and caring adults, and invite questions about God, life, and everything they can imagine.

Middle School Hang Out: A time for 6th and 7th graders to get to know each other, and about how God's love makes a difference in our lives and around the world.

Youth Confirmation: For 7, 8, and 9th graders. Fun, faith, and service, preparing to publicly say "yes" to God. Includes retreats, summer camp, and visits to other faith communities.



social justice

A FORCE FOR POSITIVE CHANGE

Ballard Sunday Dinner Needs Your Help Every Month SIGN UP

Ballard Sunday Dinner needs a team of 5–10 people each month to feed our neighbors who may be struggling with a hot meal on Sunday nights. If you have any of the following skills (planning, cooking, serving, greeting, opening doors, cleaning), we want you to come join us – sign up here and come have some fun! <u>https://rb.gy/dkvefb</u>.

Empty Egg Cartons Needed

Ballard Food Bank needs your used egg cartons! Please drop off egg cartons in the church narthex and we'll gather them at the end of the month and take them to the food bank. Thank you!

City Nature Challenge at North Beach Park

Saturday, April 27, 12-2PM | North Beach Park, 8999 24th Ave.

All are welcome for a City Nature Challenge at North Beach Park! Forest steward, Tad Anderson, will tell us the park's ongoing story of restoration and introduce us to a few of the key native and non-native plants who live there. Participants will then explore the park and submit observations to iNaturalist. No plant or animal identification skills or iNaturalist experience needed, just bring something for taking photos and your love of nature! Questions? Email <u>brianna.widner@zoo.org</u> or ask Tad & Brianna.





community

Grounds Maintenance Conversation and Beautify Event Monday, April 29, 10AM - Noon | Our Redeemer's Grounds

All are welcome to a Grounds Maintenance Conversation and Beautify Event at Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church. Anyone who wants to help is welcome to join in for a short time any time between 10:00 am and noon.



Pre-Register to Attend and Bid using this QR Code.





Join us for a magical evening of bidding and blooming at our **"Bloom and Grow Together" Auction on Saturday, April 27th.** Bring your friends and family to an extravaganza of bidding and entertainment! There will be fun for all ages, music, a craft room for kids, and, of course, a lively auction to support the ministry and mission of our church.

Pre-Order Food by using this QR Code



Donate an Item, Experience, or Service to the Auction using this QR code.



Procurement forms are also available to pick up at the church **<u>1) PRE-REGISTER.</u>** It's easy to pre-register for the auction and get your information into our auction system early. The Bloom & Grow Auction is free to attend with a suggested \$25 donation to become a bidder. *If you can't attend you can donate at the link to help support the daily operation of our church. Thank you!*

2) PRE-ORDER FOOD Using the Registration Link. Food will not be available to purchase on the night of the auction, so please pre-order delicious Bahn Mi sandwiches or satisfying Rice Bowls provided by MoMo Express. *Yum*!!

3) DONATE items or services to our live and silent auctions! If you have a vacation home, gift baskets, gift cards, or other experiences, services, or items to donate, please email us at auction.ourredeemers@gmail.com or <u>DOWNLOAD A</u>. <u>PROCUREMENT FORM (https://bit.ly/3TcEdpq</u>) to use yourself or to share with businesses or individuals who might want to give. *Thanks for what you can do*!

<u>4)</u> DONATE WINE for our WINE GRAB. Donate a bottle or two to stock our WINE GRAB table! Drop wine at the church office by Sunday, April 21st! *Cheers to you!*

5) BAKE OR BRING A DESSERT for the DESSERT DASH: Consider baking or bringing a delectable dessert for our popular Dessert Dash. There is a signup sheet at church (narthex). Scrumptious!

Auction questions can be emailed to auction.ourredeemers@gmail.com.

This Week at Our Redeemer's

Today, Sunday, April 14 **9 AM - Informal Worship** 9 AM - Sprouts In-Person | Downstairs 10 AM - O-ROCK Youth Classes | Downstairs 10 AM - Confirmation | Library 10 AM - Adult Forum | Fellowship Hall **11 AM - Traditional Worship**

Tuesday, April 16 1:30 PM - Staff Meeting 7 PM - LiVE Synod-wide Bible Study | Zoom 7 PM - Church Council Meeting

Wednesday, April 17 6:30 PM - Kid's Choir 6:45 PM - LiVE Book Study | Zoom 7 PM - Choir Rehearsal Friday – Sunday, April 19–21 Earth Care Beach Cleanup

Sunday, April 21

9 AM - Informal Worship 9 AM - Sprouts In-Person | Downstairs 10 AM - O-ROCK Youth Classes | Downstairs 10 AM - Confirmation | Library 10 AM - Adult Forum | Fellowship Hall 10 AM - Women's Retreat Pre-Meeting | Sanctuary Meeting Room 11 AM - Traditional Worship

Email <u>administrator@ourredeemers.net</u> if you need online or in-person meeting help. Find meeting information in the announcements herein or on the church's <u>website calendar</u>.



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